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FOR H:PASS TO SENATOR JACOB JAVITS FROM JOHN HALL,
CHAIRMAN JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION

1. I MAILED TO YOU YESTERDAY A COPY OF A LETTER HANDED TO MR. MICHIBA MATSUKAWA, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, FOLLOWING UP YOUR CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA CONCERNING A POSSIBLE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION. THE LETTER CONTAINED A PROPOSAL TO USE 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF A NETWORK OF JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES IN MAJOR CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ON THE PATTERN OF THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

2. I ALSO INCLUDED A LETTER TO YOU SUGGESTING THE DESIRABILITY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM YOU TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA ENDORSING THIS PLAN, WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WINSLOW WHEELER COULD BRING YOUR LETTER WITH HIM FOR DELIVERY TO THE PRIME MINISTER DURING THE CULCON MEETINGS.

3. I DISCUSSED THIS PLAN THIS MORNING WITH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD, WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA AND
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SUGGESTED THAT YOU MENTION IN YOUR LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA THAT YOU HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL WITH HIM.

4. HAVING JUST LEARNED OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IT OCCURS TO US THAT OUR PLAN TO ESTABLISH JAPAN-AMERICAN CENTERS ON THE ROCKEFELLER SPONSORED JAPAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK MODEL COULD APPRO-

PRIATELY BE NAMED IN HIS HONOR. YOU MIGHT WISH
TO SUGGEST THIS IN YOUR LETTER TO MR. FUKUDA.
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